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News Notes

CYSS hosts new course

Child, Youth and School Services will host a “Stop Bullying Now” program in Building 221.

There will be two six-week courses. School age children will meet 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursdays from March 24 to April 28 and middle school teens will meet 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays from March 22 to April 26.

Parents and children are invited to attend.

For more information, call Parent Central Services, 570-615-6559.

Hearts Apart group meets

The Hearts Apart Waiting Families Support Group will meet from 5 to 7 p.m. today in the Chapel Fellowship Hall, Building 1008.

Waiting Families is a support service to families, military members and civilians who are living apart due to mission requirements.

For more information, contact Linda Kerr, 570-615-6682 or linda.kerr@us.army.mil.

Chapel conducts services

The depot chapel conducts worship services every Sunday. A Bible study takes place at 10 a.m. followed by the service at 11 a.m. and a fellowship hour.

For more information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Brooks, X59689 or X58873.

One Stop Shop sells trip tickets

The Civilian Welfare Council is sponsoring the following trips:

A bus trip to Longwood Gardens and Winterthur Museum on May 21. The cost is \$50 and includes transportation and entrance to the two attractions — due at the time of reservation.

The bus will depart Tobyhanna Army Depot at 6:15 a.m. and the gardens at 5:30 p.m.

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Tobyhanna preps for KGV-72 workload; encryption devices part of BFT system

by Jacqueline Boucher
Assistant Editor

Communications specialists here will soon be using sophisticated equipment to test encryption devices arriving from the field.

The employees are trained and new test stations are in place, ready to screen KGV-72 Programmable In-Line Encryption Devices that are part of the Blue Force Tracking (BFT) system. The encryption device allows for secure exchange of information.

Members of the Communications Systems Directorate’s Secure Communications Branch will use a fault test verification kit to screen the assets to certify operability. The screening process takes about one hour to complete. Units are repaired by the manufacturer.

“We’re all excited to work on this complex piece of equipment,” said James Kondratick, branch chief. “The work we do here will ensure mission success for the warfighters.”

In preparation for the new workload, the branch received two test sets and employees have been training on six KGV-72 devices to improve their proficiency. The test kit attaches to an assembled BFT system, which uses a transponder and satellite to check to see if the encryption device is working properly.

“This is a very advanced system and we faced some challenges,” said Kyle White, electronics worker. “We worked hard and the training really helped us get ready to receive this new asset.”

The KGV-72 was developed as part of the Force XXI Battle Command, Brigade-and-Below (FBCB2) Encryption Device Program. The device is a high-grade security solution that is compatible with existing and future BFT terminals and transceivers. The KGV-72 operates seamlessly with

installed FBCB2 remote computers and provides high-grade traffic data encryption.

“I’m looking forward to working with this new device,” said Bob McLaughlin, electronics mechanic, noting that a lot of people rely on this equipment to do their job. “It’s state-of-the-art technology used by warfighters in the field — they deserve our best.”

Below, Kyle White, electronics worker, adjusts a Blue Force Tracking System transponder while using a fault test verification kit to screen a KGV-72 encryption device. The process takes about an hour to complete. Right, Secure Communications Branch employees make hundreds of KGV-72 mock ups to be used as training aids. (Photos by Tony Medici)



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The blessings of living on a full tank

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER
by Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey L. Brooks

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls” (Matthew 11:28-29, New International Version).

When I was in college, it seemed like I never had any money and couldn’t keep much gas in my car. As a result, my gas gauge stayed in the red and I spent a lot of time worrying about my tank running dry and my engine stopping.

Something that I have learned in life is that there will, indeed, be times when we feel like we are running on empty, praying that our engines won’t stop. Have you ever had one of those days when it seemed like you were running at 110 percent with no time to stop and you knew there was no way you were going to get everything done?

When was the last time that you felt like you had more than enough time to do what you “wanted” to do? Are you getting plenty of quality time with your children and the people who matter most to you?

Not long ago, Dr. Kirk Byron Jones said something that has stuck with me. He said, “People are missing out on the blessing of living on a full tank of gas — people’s lives are running on empty.” Is that true or not? The challenge for me personally is finding a way to balance the things I “want” to do with the things I “have” to do.

Yesterday, while I was driving, I noticed a gas station where the price of fuel was cheaper than normal and I made it a point to pull off the road and to fill up my almost-empty gas tank.

I don’t know what “running on empty” might look like for you. But I do know that today would be the perfect time to make it a point to fill-up and to start experiencing “The blessing of living on a full tank of gas.” If you will, I think that it will make a difference in your life.



Army Emergency Relief campaign underway

The Army Emergency Relief (AER) campaign ends May 15.

AER is the Army’s own emergency financial assistance organization and is dedicated to “Helping the Army Take Care of Its Own.” AER funds are made available to commanders having AER Sections to provide emergency financial assistance to active and retired Soldiers, and their family members, when there is a valid need.

“Raising awareness is the critical first step in providing Soldiers much needed access to AER assistance. Our goal is to ensure that no Soldier or family member is disadvantaged in time of financial need because they did not fully appreciate the benefits of Army Emergency Relief.” stated AER Director retired Lt. Gen. Robert Foley.

In 2010 Army Emergency Relief provided \$77 million in assistance to over 66,000 Soldiers and their families.

AER provides financial assistance for such needs as emergency travel, housing, car repair, food and utilities. With assistance provided in the form of a no-interest loans and grants, AER provides the Army a valuable resource in helping take care of Soldiers and their families.

AER assistance is available to Soldiers and their families wherever they are located and the amount of assistance approved is only limited by a valid need. Soldiers and their family members requiring AER assistance need only contact their chain of command or local AER office. Tobyhanna employees can make a donation by contacting the depot’s AER officer, Linda Kerr, X56682.

Based on reciprocal agreements, Soldiers and families not near an Army installation AER

office can seek assistance from the Air Force Aid Society, Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, Coast Guard Mutual Assistance or a local chapter of the American Red Cross.

AER was founded in 1942 in response to the need for Soldiers and their families who were experiencing financial emergencies in World War II.

AER provides emergency financial assistance, scholarships to children and spouses of active duty and retired Soldiers, financial support to surviving families of fallen Soldiers, and grants to widows and wounded warriors.

For full details on AER’s assistance programs, visit the AER Web site, www.aerhq.org.



STAY TUNED

Local media announce weather delays, closures

TELEVISION STATIONS	AM RADIO STATIONS	FM RADIO STATIONS
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Winter weather often produces hazardous conditions that may impact the depot's operational status. Public announcements regarding depot closings or starting time delays will be provided to local television and radio stations, and recorded on a toll free information hotline. Employees are encouraged to tune in to the media outlets listed above or call 1-800-429-4496 to hear the recorded announcement.

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Spend the day shopping in New York City or see the international car show at the Javits Center on April 30. Cost is \$20 per person and payment is due at the time of reservation. Bus pick up is in the depot parking lot at 7:30 am.

See the play “Wonderland” on Broadway June 18. Tickets are \$80 per person. For reservations and payment, visit the One Stop Shop. Bus pick up will be in the depot parking lot at 7:30 a.m. Show time is 2 p.m.

Travel to Washington D.C. is October 8, 9. Prices start at \$310 for two occupants per room. Price includes bus transportation, one night lodging, taxes and porter fees, Riverboat tour of the Monuments on the Potomac River, breakfast and dinner October 9. Participants will stay at the L’Enfant Hotel, near the Smithsonian Institute. Bus pick up is at the Wegman’s parking lot in Wilkes-Barre at 6 am Oct. 8. Payment is due at the time of reservation.

Tickets are available at the One Stop Shop; for more information, call X58851.

Save the date

The depot’s annual Employee Appreciation Day will take place on July 15 at the pavilion near Summerall Barracks.

There will be refreshments, entertainment and a variety of games and activities planned throughout the day.

More details will be published as they become available.

Club scholarships available

The Tobyhanna Women’s Club high school and college scholarship applications are available in the Public Affairs Office or on the intranet under Programs/Services/ Tobyhanna Women’s Club. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 2.

For more information, call Eileen Rizzo, X57336, EmmaAnn Olsommer, X56265, Linda Kerr, X56682 or Kathy Winowich, X56656.

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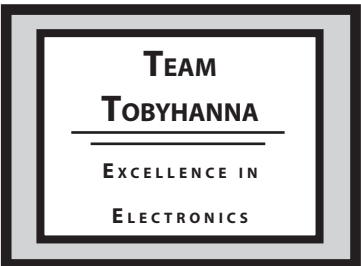
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Work ethic, attitude take top honors in competition

by Jacqueline Boucher
Assistant Editor

Two employees earned Tobyhanna’s quarterly performance awards using a positive attitude and strong work ethic.

Jason Kilmer and Kris Martin were named Tobyhanna’s 2011 Employees of the Quarter for the first quarter, junior and senior categories, respectively. Martin is a logistics management specialist in the Production Management Directorate’s Communications Branch. Kilmer is an electronics worker assigned to the Command, Control and Computer (C3)/Avionics Directorate’s Transponder Branch.

Both have served as key players in a number of programs.

Kilmer was a member of the award-winning Sidewinder Missile Branch Shingo team. While there he created seven standard work documents that eliminated variations in critical processes. He also helped verify documents, prepare work stations and brief personnel prior to the Shingo visit.

“I work with an incredible group of people,” Kilmer said of the employees who support the C3/Avionics mission. “They work really hard to help me get quality products to the warfighter.”

The processes he helped put in place streamlined



Kris Martin (right), logistics management specialist, works on multi-million dollar projects that support the AN/TRC-190.

workflow and improved production while reducing waste, according to Joe Wassell, Avionics Division chief. Later Kilmer was appointed as the key person to help the directorate prepare for the Aerospace Standard 9100/9110 certification audit in April.

“Jason is a top performer,” Wassell said. “He consistently exceeds expectations and is always willing to help his peers and subordinates to ensure the job gets done.” Wassell noted that Kilmer volunteers for the most difficult tasks and always produces positive results.

Kilmer also earned accolades for his work on improving toolboxes used by technicians in the clean room. His quick response to a deficiency report resulted in procuring new foam, which is used to secure the tools, to better meet the facilities’ standards.

Kilmer attributes his success and work ethic to his military background. He served eight years in the Army National Guard as a cavalry scout. He also deployed to Bosnia and Iraq to support the war on terrorism.

Teamwork is the key to Martin’s success.

“Everyone I work with had a hand in earning this award,” Martin said. “This is a huge honor.”

Martin works on programs supporting the AN/TRC-190 mission that are valued at more than \$26 million.

“One of Kris’ greatest assets and contributions to Tobyhanna is his contagious can-do, positive attitude,” said Gary Roberts, chief of the Communications Branch, Production Management Directorate. “He manages high dollar and high visibility programs and faces each challenge head-on, committed to resolving whatever obstacles lay in his path.”

The AN/GRC-245 and AN/VRC-90 Patriot system project brought in more than 2,900 new direct labor hours for Tobyhanna. Under Martin’s watch, the radio maintenance shops consistently met customer requirements, according to Roberts.

In addition, Martin participated in multiple Lean events and other Productivity, Improvement and Innovation Directorate-sponsored activities related to the AN/TRC-190 workload. Those events yielded better inter-shop communication and lower repair cycle time and costs.

“Overall, Martin’s keen ability to change, adapt, and overcome challenge has proven time and time again to be a tremendous asset to the AN/TRC-190 program and to Tobyhanna,” Roberts said.

All civilian employees are eligible for the Employee of the Quarter Award. Winners can also receive an optional



Electronics Worker Jason Kilmer’s ideas help streamline workflow and improve production while reducing waste. (Photos by Tony Medici)

special parking space for the quarter in addition to the \$500 on-the-spot cash award and plaque. Workers selected as employee of the quarter are eligible to compete at the U.S. Army CECOM Life Cycle Management Command level.

To nominate an employee, for junior and senior categories, submit ELTY Form 2035-R-E to the appropriate directorate office before forwarding to the Incentive Awards Office. For details, call Anita Maher, Incentive Awards Program manager, X59352 or Kelly Kolvek, Incentive Awards Program management assistant, X59249.

Safe and Well: Red Cross website links Japan-based troops to home

by Elaine Wilson
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — In the wake of Japan’s massive earthquake and tsunami, Red Cross officials are encouraging U.S. service members and families stationed there to register with an online resource intended to keep family and friends back home informed of their welfare.

Military members and their families can relay their status and pass on messages through the American Red Cross-sponsored “Safe and Well” website: www.redcross.org.

“It’s a great online tool,” said Deanna Swanier, the senior director of service delivery for the American Red Cross’ Service to the Armed Forces. “Family members back here can visit the website and look up loved ones to see if they’re safe.”

Hours after the earthquake and tsunami struck March 11, officials confirmed U.S. military personnel and their families were accounted for. Still, family and friends back home were seeking information.

To register for Safe and Well, people enter their name, contact information and then choose from a list of standard messages — “I am safe and well,” “Family and I are safe and well,” or “Currently at shelter” — or they can type a customized message.

While many service members may turn to e-mail or, if available, a phone call to contact immediate family members after a disaster, Swanier encouraged them to also register on Safe and Well, so extended family members and friends can find out about their well-being.

“It offers another avenue of communication,” she noted.

Family and friends back home can access the messages by entering the service member’s pre-disaster phone number, or complete home address. They can’t, however, register themselves on the site. The site is intended to facilitate communication from inside the disaster-affected areas to families outside, Red Cross officials explained.

While the site offers a way to pass on a person’s current status, not everyone chooses to register. In this case, officials encourage people to try calling, texting or checking online to see if their loved one is updating their social media page, such as Facebook or Twitter.

People who have a loved one with a serious health or mental health condition can initiate an emergency information request by calling their local American Red Cross

chapter, or calling 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Along with Safe and Well, Red Cross officials have launched a special “Family Links” website to help people seeking to re-establish contact with family members and friends. People in Japan and other countries in the Pacific can register at www.icrc.org/familylinks to inform their family and friends that they are safe and provide their current contact information.

People in the United States looking for loved ones can check the list for information. They also can register the names of family members and friends, encouraging them to get in touch.

Additionally, people can contact or locate U.S. citizens living or traveling in Japan by calling the State Department’s office of overseas citizens’ services at 1-888-407-4747 or 202-647-5225.



Frank Balish, mechanical engineer, was named to the Order of Saint Barbara for his extensive work supporting the Army and Marine Corps Firefinder radar missions. He was instrumental in the transitioning of both systems from locations in California to Tobyhanna since the early 1990s. (Photo by Steve Grzezdinski)

THE LEGEND OF SAINT BARBARA

Saint Barbara was the beautiful daughter of a wealthy pagan named Dioscorus. Because of her beauty, and fearful that she be demanded in marriage, he jealously shut her up in a tower to protect her from the outside world.

Before embarking on a journey, he commissioned a bathhouse to be built for her.

Barbara had heard of the teachings of Christ, and while her father was gone she spent much time in contemplation. From the windows of her tower she looked out on the surrounding countryside and marveled at the growing things; the trees, the animals, and the people. She decided that all these must be part of the master plan, and she gradually came to accept the Christian faith.

As her belief became firm, she directed the builders to redesign the bathhouse her father had planned, adding a third window to symbolize the Holy Trinity.

When her father returned, he was infuriated when Barbara acknowledged that she was a Christian. He dragged her before the Prefect of the Province, who decreed she be tortured and put to death by beheading.

Dioscorus himself carried out the death sentence and on his way home was struck by lightning.

The legend of the lightning bolt that struck down her persecutor caused her to be regarded as the patron saint in time of danger from thunderstorms, fires and sudden death. (U.S. Field Artillery Association)

Elite group honors depot engineer for Firefinder work

by Jacqueline Boucher
Assistant Editor

A Tobyhanna mechanical engineer is now a member of the Order of Saint Barbara for supporting United States field artillery while working on a critical radar system.

Frank Balish was awarded the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara medal during the annual ceremony at Fort Monmouth, N.J., for accomplishments while assigned as the Firefinder Lead Mechanical Engineer from 1992-2010.

“It’s a challenging job, but I like working with the customer, the radars and the Soldiers in the field,” he said. “I work with a great group of people who are willing to do whatever needs to be done.”

Officials recognized Balish’s efforts to ensure the Firefinder Radar System remains battle ready around the world and around the clock. He has been involved with the AN/TPQ-36 and AN/TPQ-37 missions

since transitioning from Sacramento Army Depot, Calif., in the 1990s.

Today, Balish is the BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) lead for the transfer of the Marine Corps AN/TPQ-46 Firefinder mission from Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif.

The Order of Saint Barbara is an honorary military society composed of personnel associated with U.S. field artillery. Marine Corps and Army field artillery personnel, along with their military and civilian supporters, are eligible for membership.

There are two levels of recognition: Ancient Order of Saint Barbara and Honorable Order of Saint Barbara. The criterion for accession into the Ancient Order is to have performed conspicuous, long-term service for or on behalf of the U.S. Army Field Artillery or Marine Corps Field Artillery. Membership in the Honorable Order is not a prerequisite for

membership in the Ancient Order.

“Frank has a wealth of technical knowledge and is known throughout the Firefinder community,” said Joe Salamido, ISR Engineering Branch chief, noting that Balish has been with the program for more than 18 years. “His extensive contacts and networking skills have played a vital role in acquiring workload worth millions to the depot.”

As project leader, Balish has been instrumental in the design, documentation, fabrication and fielding of the digital upgrade modification, and the transition, production and configuration management of the Block 1 modification. In addition, he fields equipment for active duty Army, National Guard and Marine Corps units worldwide.

Balish noted that he spends a lot of time on the road. Over the years, system upgrades have afforded him the opportunity to travel to several stateside locations as well

as overseas locations in Turkey, Portugal, Egypt, India and Greece.

Balish also ensures the consistent and accurate flow of information by participating in production control boards, in-process reviews, integrated program teams and quarterly management reviews.

“Frank is a plain-speaking, no-nonsense, hard-working type of man who focuses on getting the job done,” Salamido said. “He demonstrates the highest degree of professional competence and leadership in his service to the Army and Marine Corps field artillery.”

Saint Barbara died about the year 300. She was venerated as early as the seventh century, according to legend. When gunpowder first appeared in the West, Saint Barbara was invoked to ward against accidents resulting from explosions, and since early artillery pieces tended to explode instead of firing the projectile, Saint Barbara became the Patroness of Artillerymen.

Veterans Affairs launches new PSA on suicide prevention for veterans

WASHINGTON — Department of Veterans Affairs officials are reaching out to veterans in crisis and their families in a new public service announcement to raise awareness about suicide prevention resources, such as the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

“As more veterans return from Iraq and Afghanistan, the critical need for mental health care is rising,” said Sonja V. Batten, the assistant deputy chief patient care services officer for mental health. “VA is increasing its efforts to reach out to veterans in need and their families, to inform them about available services and programs.”

The new television spot encourages veterans in crisis to call the crisis hotline and then push 1 on their telephone

keypad to reach a trained VA mental health professional who can assist the veteran 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

“Suicide is preventable,” Batten said. “Every veteran suicide is tragic and regardless of the numbers or rates, one veteran suicide is too many. We feel the responsibility to continue to spread the word throughout the nation that suicide prevention is everyone’s business.”

So far, more than 379,000 people have called the hotline, and more than 200,000 of these callers have identified themselves as veterans, family members or friends of veterans. The hotline has led to more than 13,000 rescues of actively suicidal veterans.

The hotline also operates an online Veterans Chat program,

which provides veterans, their families and friends with the ability to communicate anonymously online in real-time with a trained VA mental health professional. Veterans Chat can be accessed through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline’s web page at www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/Veterans/Default.aspx.

Through the hotline and Veterans Chat, VA can connect veterans and their families with important services, including suicide prevention coordinators, as well as general inpatient and outpatient psychiatric services at VA medical centers and community-based outpatient clinics.

The PSA can be viewed at www.youtube.com/user/VeteransHealthAdmin#p/u/1/PPL7CAHixQE.



Building a better robot

Above, Instructor Len Peters (center) helps Electronics Engineer Charles Oleski (right) and Mechanical Engineer Nickolas Samoleski generate a program that will instruct a robot to move. Depot employees attended the first entry-level course for robotics March 14-16 in the Technical Development Division. The seminar consisted of lectures and hands-on training. Course topics included an introduction to robotics, history, current uses, future development, how and why robots work, industrial/medical applications, and the potential for use at Tobyhanna. During the course students built robots, then competed in a “tank war” to see whose tank was the best. Johnson College was selected to lead the seminar attended by 12 Tobyhanna employees. Electronics instructors here are developing lesson plans for future robotics courses. Samoleski is assigned to the Production Engineering Directorate’s Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Engineering Branch. Oleski works in the Productivity Improvement and Innovation Directorate’s Quality Management Division. (Photos by Tony Medici)



Collaboration enhances communications, electronic capabilities

by Kristen Kushiya
CERDEC

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. — Representatives from the U.S. Army and Israeli military met March 15-17 at U.S. Army research, development and engineering centers to discuss updates on current technology collaboration.

Representatives from both nations provided updates on command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance technologies at the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command’s communications-electronics center, also known as CERDEC.

“In the area of C4ISR, we always have the requirement to communicate and exchange data with our coalition partners,” said Jill Smith, CERDEC technical director.

Currently, CERDEC and Israel collaborate in the areas of command and control interoperability, antennas and spectrum management, radar systems, tactical communications and electronic warfare.

According to Smith, the partnership is looking to extend into the areas of night vision, electro-optics and additional sensor systems.

“None of us have the resources we need to do

everything, so leveraging each other lets each of our research dollars go further and we learn things from our coalition partners,” Smith said, adding, “We go further faster.”

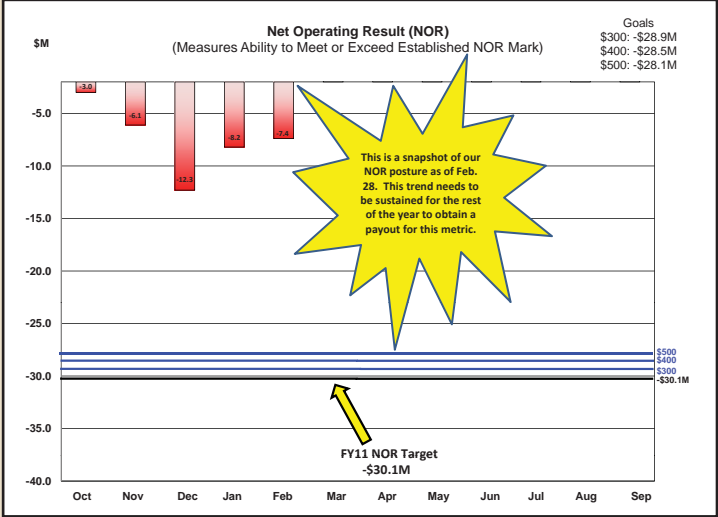
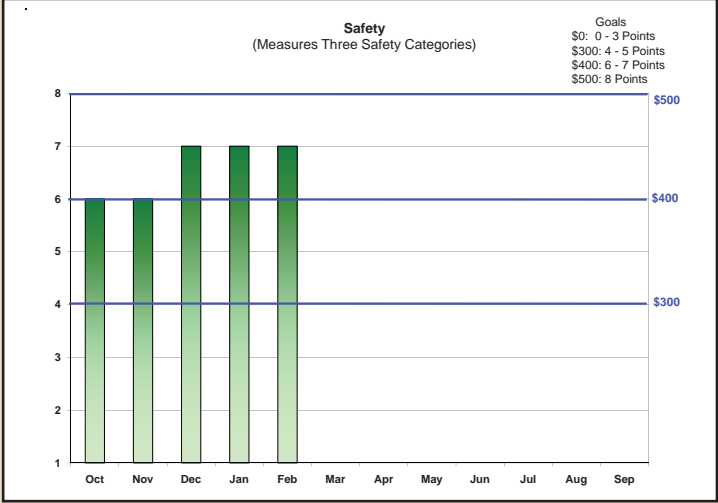
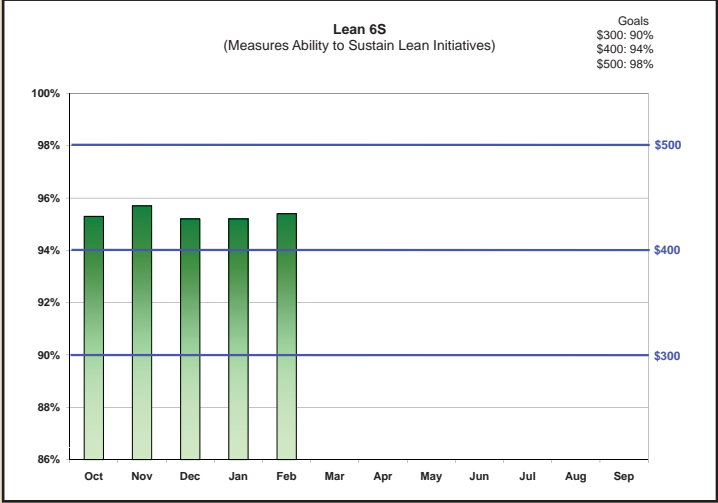
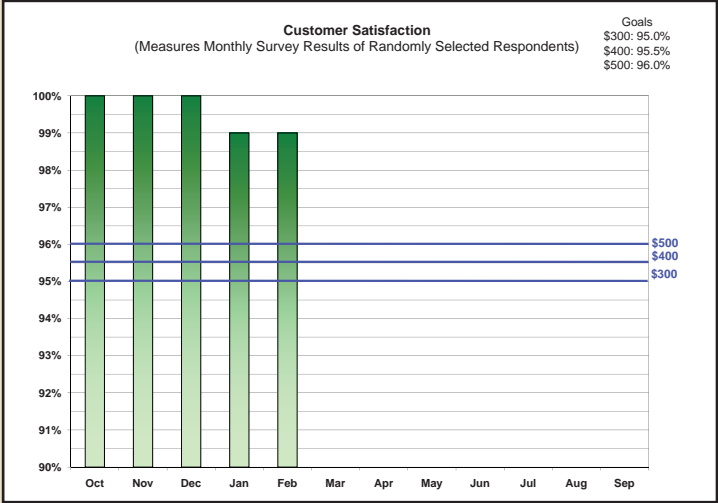
While the U.S. military works closely with academia and industry, it has in-house laboratories to aid with research, development and engineering. In contrast, the Israeli military does not operate in-house laboratories, but must work closely with labs in industry and academia, according to Brig. Gen. Eytan Eshel, head of the Military Research and Development Unit with the Israel Ministry of Defense Directorate Research and Development.

As part of the collaboration, the U.S. and Israel have a set of data exchange agreements where each country can leverage the other’s resources to increase military capabilities. Currently engineers from both countries try to meet in each country at least once a year. Additionally, a CERDEC engineer works in Israel as part of the engineering, science and exchange program. CERDEC also hosts an Israeli lieutenant colonel as a foreign liaison officer.

Meetings will continue Wednesday at the Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center in Natick, Mass., before concluding Thursday at the Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center in Warren, Mich.

DEPOT PERFORMANCE IN KEY AREAS

Based on February data, the current projected payout is \$1,800. The employee payout award is based on performance in four areas rather than just the depot’s financial performance as defined by the annual Net Operating Result (NOR). The amounts depicted in the charts represent a “projected payout” based on the depot standing against the stretch goals. Each of the four metrics has a payout potential of \$500 for a potential maximum payout of \$2,000. The final award amount will be determined by the cumulative status in each of the four areas at the end of the fiscal year. Monthly updates will be published in the *Tobyhanna Reporter*.



New Supervisors

Adam Chase is the business manager for Tobyhanna’s Occupational Health Clinic. As manager, he oversees the administrative operation of the clinic. In addition, he assists the chief medical officer in the clinic’s core responsibility of occupational health as well as deployment preparative medicine and the promotion of wellness programs.



Chase

The clinic’s mission addresses workforce issues as they relate to the on-the-job health and safety of the individual worker and the overall health and productivity of the work force.

He began his career at Tobyhanna in February. Chase served 21 years in the Army, retiring as a major. He entered military service at the age of 17, enlisting in the National Guard as an infantryman. He was commissioned as an infantry officer in 1990 and continued in leadership roles in the guard as well as the Army Reserve. Chase served in Iraq on active duty with the Army’s III Corps during Operation Iraqi Freedom as the executive officer to the C-3/ director of operations.

Chase is a 1986 graduate of Scranton Preparatory School.

His hobbies include coaching youth sports, golf, hunting, fishing, boating and automotive.

He’s a member of the Sacred Heart Church in Duryea where he serves in the Holy Name Men’s Society, and the American Legion Post 513 in Old Forge where he serves as commander.

Gary Scott is branch chief of the Counter Fire Component Branch, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate.

As chief, he supervises technicians who repair and overhaul components used on the AN/TPQ-



Scott

36 and AN/TPQ-37 counter fire radars, including near-field testing of the antennas and final calibration of the antenna transceiver group at the Tower Track Far Field Range.

Prior to his current assignment, Scott was a work leader in the Firefinder AN/TPQ-36 Systems Branch. He began his career at Tobyhanna in March 2004.

Scott served 20 years in the Air Force. He worked as a KC-135 Stratotanker flight line maintenance superintendent at Griffiss Air Force Base (AFB), N.Y. Other assignments in the aircraft maintenance field included Suwon Air Base, Korea; Tinker AFB, Okla.; Eglin AFB, Fla.; and George AFB, Calif. He deployed to Riyadh, Saudi Arabi and Muscat, Oman in support of operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

His awards and decorations include the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor and 4 oak leaf clusters, Air Force Good Conduct Medal with the three oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with three stars, Korean Defense Service Medal and Professional Military Education Leadership School honor graduate.

Scott is a 1975 graduate of Scranton Technical High School. He has earned 66 credit hours towards an associate’s degree from the Community College of the Air Force.

He is commander of the Veteran’s of Foreign Wars Post 3451 and a member of the Hickory Street Presbyterian Church in Scranton.

His hobbies include travel and fishing.

New Division Chief

Joseph Lynch is chief of the Budget Division, Resource Management Directorate.

As chief, he supervises employees who direct and coordinate the preparation, execution and the review of the depot Army Working Capital Fund budget.

Prior to his current assignment, Lynch was a lead budget analyst for the same division. He began his career at Tobyhanna in June 2005.



Lynch

Lynch has 30 years of federal service. His experience includes operating accountant, supervisory operating accountant, systems accountant, auditor and budget analyst.

He served four years on active duty in the Army assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C. Lynch also served three years in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard as a scout with the 1st Battalion, 109th Infantry. Lynch attended basic and advanced infantry training in Fort Polk, La, jump school training in Fort Benning, Ga., and jungle warfare training at Fort Sherman in the Panama Canal Zone.

His awards and decorations include the Expert Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge, Good Conduct Medal, and Airborne Recondo, Jungle Expert.

Lynch is a 1974 graduate of Dunmore High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Marywood University in 1984. He is a certified public accountant and certified internal auditor.

His hobbies include working on cars and motorcycles, home improvement projects and landscaping.

Welcome to the Depot

Name	Title	Organization
Peter Pawchak	Firefighter	D/IRM
Omar Perez	Security officer	D/IRM
Martin Hogan	Equipment specialist, electronics	D/C3/Avionics

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Community Bulletin

Editor’s Note: The Community Bulletin provides an avenue for depot and tenant employees to advertise van or car pools, and for-sale items. Money making items such as rentals and personal business will not be accepted.

Information must be submitted via e-mail to Jacqueline.Boucher@us.army.mil, or written items can be mailed to the Public Affairs Office, mail stop 5076.

Submissions must include a name and telephone extension. Only home phone numbers will be published in the Trading Post section. Voluntary submission of items constitutes individual’s consent to publish personal information all versions of the *Tobyhanna Reporter*.

Ads will be published in four consecutive newspapers. It is the customer’s responsibility to update or renew items listed in the Community Bulletin.

For information, call Jacqueline Boucher, X58073.



VAN/CAR POOLS

Jermyn, Archbald (near St. Thomas church): 3 openings, new van pool forming, door-to-door pickup, 5/4/9, call Andy, X59768.

Throop: Looking for a van to pick up and drop off, 5/4/9, first RDO, already enrolled with vouchers, contact Bernard, X56890, bernard.pasko@us.army.mil.

Montdale, Eynon, Peckville, Jessup: 1 opening, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 5/4/9, both Fridays, “A” placard, travels on Route 247/Hill Street from Montdale to Jessup park and ride, call Michele Dooley, X57565.

Swoyersville, Forty Fort, Luzerne area: 1 opening, van, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 5/4/9, both Fridays, nonsmoking, call Joe Belinka, X56229 or John Galanda, X57675.

Dupont, Avoca, Moosic: 1 opening, van, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., call Janice, X56269.

Scranton: 1 opening, first shift, 7 passengers, van, leaves South Side Shopping center daily, runs both RDOs, call Shelly, X57256.

Route 115, Meadow Run Rd., Mountain Lake, Thornhurst, Clifton Beach: 2 openings, 5/4/9, both Fridays, “A” placard, nonsmoking, contact Cindy, X57879. cindy.siblosky@us.army.mil or Rose, X59188, rosemarie.gesell@us.army.mil.

Shavertown, Wilkes-Barre, Pittston: 5/4/9, runs both Friday’s, “A” placard, nonsmoking, call James Eiden, X56170.

Back Mountain: 1 opening, 5/4/9, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., both Fridays, nonsmoking, meets at Thomas’ Supermarket in Shavertown, call Jeff, X59705.

Honesdale: 3 openings, van, 5/4/9, first RDO (can run both), door-to-door pick up, nonsmoking, contact Mike Cook, X56036, michael.leroy.cook@us.army.mil.



TRADING POST

Moving sale: Frigidaire Galley white refrigerator w/ icemaker, GLRT212IDW9, 2 years old, \$200 OBO; Maytag centennial white, washer/dryer set, 1 year old, models MVWC6E5WW1/MEDC400VMO, \$375 OBO; Acer flat

screem monitor, model P191W,19-inch LCD, 1 year old, \$50; Marlin .35 caliber rifle, model 336 w/scope, \$200 OBO, Ruger model 10/22 .22LR carbine w/scope, \$125 OBO; Remington 12 gauge, model 870, shotgun w/variable choke, \$125 OBO, all available for pickup April 11-13, send e-mail for more information, john.manning11@us.army.mil, call 457-5217, evenings.

Kitchen appliances: dishwasher, \$75; electric range, black, \$150, call Don, 216-1519.

Race bike: 2009 Cannondale Six Carbon 6, race red, 56cm, less than 30 miles ridden, \$1,000, call Brian, 610-577-5715.

Trailer: 2003 Coleman Caravan, 25SLB, 25 feet long (expands to 29), good condition, ducted air conditioning, furnace, 6 gallon water heater, front/rear stabilizer jacks, fiberglass exterior, spare tire, bathroom w/tub/shower, skylight above tub, 3-burner stove, microwave, 2-door refrigerator w/freezer, slide-out queen bed, 2 bunk beds, jack-knife sofa, slide-out dinette, AM/FM/CD stereo, awning, outside shower, sleeps 8 (6 comfortably), asking \$10,495, call Ed, 735-8346.

Dryer: Roper electric clothes dryer, model #REX4625EW1, large capacity, made by Whirlpool Corp, in good condition, asking \$100, call Melvin Warner, 234-9253.

Truck cap: A.R.E., navy blue, for 1997-2003 Ford F-150 extended cab, V series, 6 1/2 –foot short bed truck, 23-inches high, 36-inch door clearance, tilt down front window, sliding front window, 12-volt dome light/outside brake light, single t-lock heavy-duty rear door with gas props, ½ slider side windows with screens, fiberglass construction, stock unfinished interior, dark tinted glass, asking \$400, call Ed, 735-8346.



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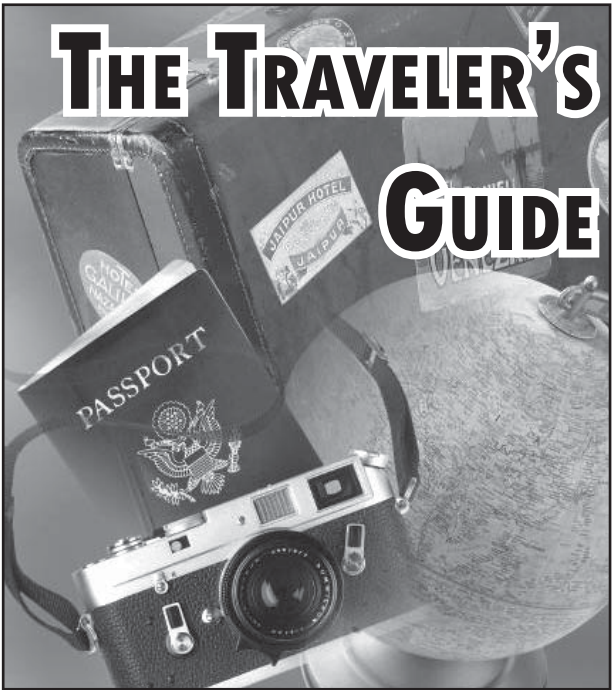
Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, commander, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, answers questions from senators March 3 regarding how he will serve as the 37th chief of staff of the Army. (Photo by C. Todd Lopez)

Senate confirms Dempsey as Army chief of staff

WASHINGTON — Gen. Martin E. Dempsey was confirmed by the Senate March 16 for assignment as the next chief of staff of the Army. He will succeed Gen. George W. Casey Jr., who plans to retire next month after serving as the Army’s chief of staff since April 10, 2007. Dempsey is scheduled to be sworn in as chief of staff on April 11 at Fort Myer, Va., during a Change of Responsibility Ceremony. Dempsey is currently serving as commanding general of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Monroe, Va. He has headed TRADOC

since December 2008. Before that he was acting commander of U.S. Central Command, and from August 2005 to the summer of 2007, he commanded the Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq. Dempsey is a 1974 graduate of West Point, where he was commissioned an armor officer. During testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee March 3, Dempsey answered questions about how he would serve as the next chief of staff of the Army . “I sit before you today with confidence that whatever challenges

confront us in the future, your Army will respond with the same courage and resolve that has characterized it for the past 235 years,” Dempsey said. He told senators that he will work hard every day as chief of staff to earn the trust of Soldiers by ensuring they have what they need. “I will work to match their drive, their sacrifice and their resolve,” Dempsey said, “and I will partner with the Congress of the United States of America and this committee in particular, to ensure we remain worthy of the title ‘America’s Army.’” (Army News Service)



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Receipts for lodging and car rental are always required, as well as any expense of \$75 or more. However, the receipts do not require a zero balance. This includes, but is not limited to, any lodging, rental cars and transportation expenses reserved through the Defense Travel System (DTS), even when paid using the traveler’s Government

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Rates can fluctuate

Overseas per diem rates can fluctuate monthly — learn the per diem rates before withdrawing funds from an automated teller machine.

Mileage rate changes

The General Services Administration announced a new mileage rate for federal employees using private vehicles for government business. The new rate of 51cents per mile took effect on January 1.

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Petraeus: Afghan transition will have long-term impact

by Karen Parrish
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — As the transition approaches for Afghan forces to begin taking responsibility for security in their country, actions in the coming months will have consequences for years to come, the commander of NATO and U.S. forces in Afghanistan said.

Army Gen. David H. Petraeus told the House Armed Services Committee that each step in the process — set to culminate with Afghan forces having the security lead throughout the country by the end of 2014 — must be closely coordinated and irrevocable.

“We’ll get one shot at transition, and we need to get it right,” he said.

The coalition has increased its efforts to enable the Afghan government’s work to improve governance, economic development and the provision of basic services, Petraeus said.

“These are essential elements of the effort to shift delivery of basic services from provincial reconstruction teams and international organizations to Afghan government elements,” he explained.

Afghan-led reintegration of reconcilable insurgents must be an important element of the strategy, Petraeus said, noting that the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force is assisting Afghan government initiatives.

“Indeed, we recognize that we and our Afghan partners cannot just kill or capture our way out of the insurgency in Afghanistan,” the general said. “In fact, some 700 former Taliban have now officially reintegrated with Afghan authorities, and some 2,000

more are in various stages of the reintegration process.” All of these efforts are part of a comprehensive civil-military approach, he explained, in which ISAF coordinates with international organizations, diplomatic missions in Afghanistan, and the Afghan government and security forces.

“We have also sought to ensure that we minimize loss of innocent civilian life in the course of our operations,” he added.

The general reemphasized instructions on reducing damage to infrastructure and property to an absolute minimum.

“Counterinsurgents cannot succeed if they harm the people they are striving to protect.”

Afghan President Hamid Karzai will announce the first locations where security responsibility will transition to Afghan lead, Petraeus said.

“According to the NATO principles, transition will see our forces thinning out, not just handing off,” he said, telling the lawmakers that some forces freed up by transition will be reassigned to other locations in Afghanistan or to training Afghan army and police forces.

As the security transition unfolds, he said, ISAF must focus not just on the year ahead, but on the goal of full security responsibility transfer by the end of 2014.

“Indeed, we need to ensure that we take a sufficiently long view ... [and] that our actions in the months ahead enable long-term achievement in the years ahead," Petraeus said.

ISAF has refined its campaign plan to do just that, and has begun to look beyond 2014 to establishing U.S. and NATO strategic partnerships with Afghanistan, he said.

“All of this is enormously reassuring to our Afghan partners, and of considerable concern to the Taliban,” he said. An enduring commitment by the international community to Afghanistan, he added, is important to insurgents' recognition that reconciliation, rather than continued fighting, should be their goal.

Petraeus said four funding issues are key to sustaining progress in Afghanistan.

“I am concerned that levels of funding for our State Department and [U.S. Agency for International Development] partners will not sufficiently enable them to build on the hard-fought security achievements of our men and women in uniform,” he said.

Second, Petraeus said, he deeply appreciates funding for additional capabilities such as surveillance assets and all-terrain mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicles for coalition forces.

Third, the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, he said, are the largest donors to Afghanistan after the United States.

“We need these critical enabling institutions, and further U.S. support for them will ensure that they’re able to continue to contribute as significantly as they have in the past,” he said.

Finally, funding for development of Afghan security forces and their resulting gains in quantity, quality and capability is “essential to the process of transition,” Petraeus said.

“Our objectives in Afghanistan and in the region are of vital importance,” he said. “We will continue to make adjustments, in close consultation with our Afghan and international counterparts, as the situation evolves.”



Jony Bell

Duty title: Purchasing agent
CECOM Contracting Center-Sector T

Bell deployed to Afghanistan to support the CREW (Counter Radio Controlled Improvised Explosive Device Electronic Warfare) mission.

While there he managed a multi-million dollar account for Joint Task Force Paladin CREW and its associated forwarding operating bases. Bell also maintained absolute property accountability of all assigned assets.

For eight months, Bell made sure the Soldiers had the correct equipment to convoy outside the wire.

“I’m retired military and know what it’s like to be on deployment and have to depend on the support of others,” Bell said.

There are challenges according to Bell. Keeping track of the electronic countermeasure equipment meant he had to be at the “top of his A game” at all times.

“It’s a fierce and challenging environment,” he said, knowing that deploying is not a decision to be taken lightly. “This was one of the most rewarding things I’ve ever done. I was able to meet people from all over the world and use skills I learned in the military.”

Thomas “Bernard” Holmes

Duty title: Chief, New Equipment Training Division
Directorate: Field Logistics Support

Holmes deployed to Iraq for eight months to support the Logistics Information System (LIS) mission formerly known as Standard Army Management Information Systems (STAMIS).

While there, he managed the Forward Repair Activities operating in the country, which included accounting for the employees and providing Automated Data Processing Equipment (ADPE) support for local military units.

“It was rewarding to hand a laptop to a Soldier and watching him walk out of the shop happy that his equipment was fixed,” Holmes said, adding that if he decided to deploy again, it would be for the experience of working directly with the warfighter.

“The honor of serving your country and the experience you gain is not available elsewhere,” Holmes said of the experience. “You will never be the same.”

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